the part of the SHO concerned to take proper interest in the investigation of the case. The matter has been taken up for initiating suitable disciplinary proceedings against him.

National Debate on Conversions

854. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has given a call for a national debate on the issue of conversions;

(b) whether Government have crystallized their own view in this subject;

(c) whether Government intend to bring out a white paper on this subject which would help in a proper debate on the subject, in all its legitimate aspects, without allowing any section or sections of the people to hijack the debate to turn into a propaganda weapon; and

(d) if not, the reasons for making the suggestion of this nature?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister agreed with the suggestion of Sarvodaya leaders in Dangs (Gujarat) that there should be a national debate on the issue of conversions. The basic idea is that this would facilitate an inter-faith dialogue with a view to clarifying positions and clearing misunderstanding. The question of Government formulating its own views and making suggestions on the matter does not arise.

Auto Thefts in Delhi

855. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of auto theft are increasing in the capital day by day;

(b) if so, the number of such cases brought to the notice of the Delhi Police during the last one year, month-wise:

(c) in how many cases the Delhi Police succeeded in apprehending the culprits and recovered stolen vehicles;

(d) whether efforts of the Delhi Police to nab the culprits remain ineffective; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The number of cases of auto theft reported in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the year, 1998, month-wise, was as under:

Month	Number of cases reported
January	612
February	606
March	664
April	607
May	686
June	815
July	842
August	793
September	733
October	739
November	632
December	828

(c) to (e) The requisite information is given as under:

	1998
Number of cases solved	1118
Number of persons arrested	1661
Number of vehicles recovered	2450

शासकीय गुप्त बात अधिनियम में संशोधन

856. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय जागृति संस्थान द्वारा गत दिसम्बर, 1998 माह में सरकार को अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ शासकीय गुप्त बात अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के अनुरोध के साथ एक ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन विषयों पर सरकार से कार्रवाई करने का अनुरोध किया गया था;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने ज्ञापन में किए गए सभी अनुरोधों को लागू करने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किन अनुरोधों को लागू किया जाएगा और कब तक?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) अभी तक ऐसा कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) से (घ) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए और ब्यौरे उपलब्ध न होने के कारण अभी आगे कोई उत्तर देना संभव नहीं है।

Displaced Reangs in Mizoram

857. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of Reangs have been displaced from Mizoram, basically for religious reasons; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide security and freedom of religion for the Reang tribe?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) An estimated 35995 Reangs have left Mizoram during the period October/ November, 1997 to December, 1998 in the wake of ethnic tension with the Mizos.

(b) The Central Government is keen on ensuring early return of the displaced Reangs to Mizoram. This has been taken up with the Government of Mizoram. Government of Mizoram has assured proper security, speedy development of their area in Mizoram and financial assistance for their rehabilitation. An inquiry into the allegations of excess commited upon them has also been offered.

The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to Government of Tripura towards maintenance of these displaced Reangs.

Threat to Religious Minorities

858. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the religious minorities are under constant threat from certain elements in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to protect the minorities and their constitutional rights?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Some incidents of attacks on members of a minority community have been reported from a few States. However, situation has been controlled due to effective action taken by the concerned State Governments. Since 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects, the responsibility to provide protection to the minorities and their institutions is of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The Central Government has been sharing inteligence in this regard with them and also providing central para military forces according to requirement. The Central Government has also constituted a special Force i.e., Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal situations. In addition, advisories and guidelines are also issued to the State Governments/UT Administrations for time to time.

Central Team For Probe into Christmas Eve Violence

859. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central teams sent for a probe into the Christmas eve-violence in Gujarat, had neither visited the affected areas, missions and institutions, nor met the victims of violence;